

# ENNIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Mass Times

Cathedral-[www.ennisparish.com/webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/webcam)

Radio link:106.4fm

Monday to Friday 7.40am, 11am & 7.30pm

Saturday 11am & Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11.30am

St. Joseph's-[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/st-josephs-church-webcam](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/st-josephs-church-webcam)

Monday to Friday 10.30am

Saturday 10.30am & Vigil 7pm

Sunday 10am & 11.45am

Friary-[www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/](http://www.ennisparish.com/our-parish/franciscan-friary-webcam/)

Monday to Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass Saturday 7.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

Christ the King Oratory Cloughleigh

Monday to Friday 9.30am

Sunday 11am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Cathedral & Friary

Cathedral: Monday to Friday 7pm to 7.25pm

Saturday after the Vigil Mass

Friary: Tuesday to Saturday 11-12 noon & 4-5pm

Baptisms

Can be booked through the Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place

Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 5pm until 7pm

Phone Numbers: Cathedral:- 6824043;

Email: [info@ennisparish.com](mailto:info@ennisparish.com)

St. Joseph's:- 6829584

Cloughleigh:- 6797489;

Friary:- 6828751

Ennis Parish Web Site: <http://www.ennisparish.com>

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 23rd July, 2023

### World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

On Wednesday 26th July we celebrate the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus.

The Sunday before the Feast is now designated as World Day of Grandparents and our Elderly. Grandparents are the greatest treasure in a family. Filled with countless stories, long-held traditions, and cherished life lessons, our favourite elderly figures hold a special place in our lives.

All Families have a unique history comprised of milestone events and peopled by a diverse cast of characters. This history of a family is passed on in the telling of its stories. Grandparents, more than anyone else, are the keepers of the family stories. They are a living bridge between the past and the future of a family. Their intimate connection with the two generations that preceded them and the two that follow gives them a remarkable knowledge and view of the landscape of five generations.

The family stories teach the faith, ethics and values of a family. Our faith stories help us to see how God has worked in the family story and brought us to where we are today. Children need heroes with whom to identify and they are greatly enriched if they can find people in their own families to inspire and give them direction. Maintaining and passing on

the family stories is a precious gift that grandparents can give to their grandchildren.

#### Prayer for Blessings of Grandparents

*Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

#### Prayer for a Blessing on a Long Life

*God of mercy, you have given your children the gift of long life and they ask for your blessing. Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence as they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy. As they look to the future, may they persevere in hope that does not fade. To you be praise and glory forever. Amen.*



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2023

**Priest on Duty 23rd July 2023**  
**Contact: Fr. Pat Malone 065 6869098**



**Cathedral**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**6.30pm:** John Brigdale, Clancy Park.  
 Patrick Mahony, Considine Rd.  
 Sr. Ann Boland, Woodlands.  
 Marie Ange Chinon, Guadeloupe, France. **1st Anniv**  
 Michael Casey, Turnpike Rd.  
 Billy Walsh, Ballyline, Crusheen.  
**Sun 23rd 8am:** Betty Moore, Hermitage.  
**9.30am:** Bobby Burke, Laureen Drive. **MM**  
 P.J. Keane, Loughville.  
**11.30am:** Margaret Geraghty, Kincora Park. **MM**  
 Vivienne Guerin, Glensheen. **MM**  
 Jamie Coote, Cusack Rd.  
 David Russell, Abbeyville.  
 Mary O'Keeffe, Fernhill.  
**Mon: 7.40am:** No intention booked.  
**11am:** Special Intention.  
 Jim Bowe, Ard Aoibhinn.  
**7.30pm:** No intention booked.  
**Tues:7.40am** Book of Intentions.  
**11am:** Teresa Mendez.  
**7.30pm:** Tom Kelly, Phoenix Court, Kilrush Rd.  
 Leona Sabrosa, Philippines.  
**Wed 7.40am:** Bridie & Jeff Molyneaux, Inagh & Manchester.  
**11am:** Mary Mc Shea, Showgrounds View.  
**7.30pm:** Stan Moroney, St. Michael's Villas.  
**Thurs 7.40am:** Don Maher, Clonaslee, Co. Laois.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** John O'Neill, Dalcassian Park.  
**Fri 7.40am:** Mass for the People.  
**11am:** No intention booked.  
**7.30pm:** Joe Daly, Stamer Park.  
**Sat:11am:** Pat, John Joe & Sarah Kelly, Kildysart,  
 Angel Kelly, Hazelwood & Greaney/Wallace families.  
**6.30pm:** Matt Corry, Loughville. **MM.**  
 Christina Coughlan, Clonroadbeg.  
 Josie O'Shea, Ard na Greine.  
 Michael & Bridie O'Donoghue, Limerick Rd.  
 Mary O'Sullivan, Drumcliffe Rd.  
**Sun 30th 8am:** Johnny Flynn, Connolly Villas.  
**9.30am:** William & Teresa Clohessy, Drumcliffe.  
 Paschal & Betty Hanrahan, Gallows Hill.  
**11.30am:** Evelyn Sheehan, Limerick & Knockalough.

**Cloughleigh**

**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**Mon 9.30am:** Micko Murrhy, Mullagh.  
**Tue 9.30am:** Book of Intentions.  
**Wed 9.30am:** Mary Ryan, Cusack Road.

**Adoration and Prayer**

Every Thursday Night in Cloughleigh Oratory at 7.30pm. All are welcome.  
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**Cloughleigh Amateur Drama Group**

Are presently seeking new members both male and female for their upcoming play. If you are interested in getting involved please contact: Pauleen on 0894911307.

**Cathedral Renovation Appeal**

In the past week Fr. Tom wishes to acknowledge a donation of €100.

We thank the many people who have made once off contributions to this appeal.  
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**Light the Fire**

Sunday 6th August on the hill of Slane with Sr. Briege McKenna, Archbishop Eamonn Martin, Dana & Fr. Paul de Romani Gathering at 12:15pm for Rosary, Prayer & Mass Departing for home at 4.30pm. For further enquiries email: hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com Please bring a fold up school.  
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**Prayer for Vocations**



Gracious and loving God,  
 We thank you for the gift of our priests.  
 Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.  
 Help our priests to be strong in their vocations.  
 Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  
 Inspire them with the vision of your kingdom.  
 Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.  
 Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.  
 Help others follow in their footsteps, so that the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth.  
**Amen**

**St. Joseph's**



**Remembered in Masses this Week:**

**7pm:** Brendan McLoughlin, Girroga Heights.  
 Michael & Patrick Cleary, Clancy Park.  
**Sun 23rd 10am:** No intention booked.  
**11.45am:** May & Michael McEnery, Kilnamona & O'Grady & McEnery Families.  
 Mary Guilfoyle Sheridan, Marian Ave.  
 Carmel O'Neill, Lifford Rd.  
**Mon 10.30am:** Agnes & Jerry O'Dwyer, Gort Rd.  
**Tues 10.30am:** Eilish Reidy, Dangan, Tulla.  
 Vera O'Carroll, Corrovorrin Grove.  
**Wed 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Thu 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**Fri 10.30am:** Connie McCarthy, Kincora Park.  
**Sat: 10.30am:** No intention booked.  
**7pm:** Ann Moroney, Kincora Park. **MM.**  
 Moira Kearney, Brookville. **MM**  
 Christina Kelly, Glenina, Gort Rd.  
 Betty McInerney, Shannon Park.  
**Sun 30th 10am:** No intention booked.  
**11.45pm:** Nancy Tubridy, Doonbeg.  
**If you have an hour to spare on Friday or Saturday to help with the cleaning of St. Joseph's Church, please contact Fr. David.**

**Thinking of Others**

During these weeks of summer, we sometimes become over-concerned about ourselves. Many will have the opportunity to holiday away from home.  
 But holidays can still be enjoyable at home- just to be with the family a little more - an occasional day at the sea or up in the mountains, an outing or a match can be more enjoyable than an exotic holiday abroad.  
 But as we take our breaks, let us not forget those who rarely if ever get a break, the very poor, the housebound, the elderly, people in nursing homes or hospitals. Summer is a time for remembering them. We could call on them, perhaps bring them for a drive, keep them company. Often people feel most lonely and sad when they see everyone else enjoying themselves.  
 Christ who always showed such concern for the poor and the sick is surely telling us not to forget them during summertime when we are arranging our own holidays and breaks.  
 May this summer be a time of Christian Renewal for all of us. May it be a time we show warm welcome to our visitors who come to us and to our emigrants who return to be with their families and friends. Let us make this summer enjoyable for everyone, it is the Christian Way.

Ennis Parish  
 Development Fund  
 for Sunday 16th July  
 Fund **€4,830**  
 Online **€314.50**

## Lough Derg

Our Parish and Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from Bank Holiday Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th August.



Total cost €130, covers bus, boat and Island Fees. Bus leaves the Cathedral at 7am on Monday 7th August. Early booking is recommended to secure a place. Contact Parish Office 065 6824043

## Lourdes

Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Monday 2nd to Saturday 7th October. € 780



euro per person sharing and full board. Booking to [joewalstours.ie](http://joewalstours.ie) Tel 01 2410800. Franciscan Pilgrimage from 22nd to 27th September. Details at the Friary. Both pilgrimages on direct flight from Shannon Airport in 1 hour 50 minutes.

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 22nd to 27th September. Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage from 2nd—7th October. Both direct from Shannon Airport in less than two hours.

## Croagh Patrick

Reek Sunday this year is Sunday 30th July. Mass & Confession take place hourly on the mountain.

## Youth 2000 Summer Festival.

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

Day Pilgrimage to "God's Cottage and Prayer Centre" Glendalough. Departing from Ennis on Sunday the 27th of August, from Station Road, Cathedral, at 7.30am. Prayer, Praying the Psalms, Mass, Guided Walk and talk by Fr. Tady Doyle. Cost of Bus return €30. Booking, payment and further information- Frank (087) 9652864.

## Samaritans Awareness Day .

On July 24th. Reflecting on the fact that volunteers are available 24/7. "Whatever you're going through, it doesn't matter how big or small the problems feel, our volunteers are here at any time of day or night, whatever you're facing." Freephone 116123 or email [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie)

## Blast from the Past

In our review of Parish newsletters this week, we look at life in the parish 23 years ago on 23rd July 2000.

- ◇ The Legion of Mary requested prayers for their members working on summer projects in Britain.
- ◇ A day of Prayer took place in Clonfert.
- ◇ Jubilee year 2000 pilgrimages took place to Medjugorje, Lourdes, Lough Derg and Croagh Patrick.
- ◇ Summer drama workshops took place in the Maria Assumpta Hall.
- ◇ The relics of St. Therese of Lisieux were announced to be in the Cathedral for 22 hours on 15th June 2001.
- ◇ The parish collection was €4,943.00
- ◇ Drumbiggle residents had their new Grotto blessed and celebrated with a gathering.
- ◇ Fr. Joe Hourigan was thanked for his 21 years of service to the parish as he took up a new appointment as parish priest of Lissycasey.
- ◇ Fr. Tom Hogan was the priest on duty.

## The Smoker's Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
hear my plea  
and grant my lungs serenity.

Give me strength to kick all smoking  
that's been causing all the choking.

Let my breath be fresh and clean  
without a trace of nicotine.

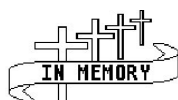
Guide me by thy holy means  
to pass all those cigarette machines.

I ask your help  
for it is well known,

If I don't quit,

The ash will be my own.

## Rest In Peace



Liam Galvin, Gort na Rí;

Lian Van Du Kirken, Ennis;

Mary Brett, Feakle, mother of Moya Walsh, Station Court;

Rebecca Hogan, Shanaway Rd;

Mary Alice Baldwin, Woodgrove, Cloughleigh.

## Sr. Eileen's Cúinne

### An Creideamh.

Chun treoir a thabhairt dúinn ár gcreideamh a neartú, seo seacht nós le cleachtadh:  
*Iarr Beannacht ar Dhia gach maidin.  
Tabhair lámh cúnamh le do chomharsa in am an ghátair.*

*Abair altú roimh bhia.*

*Iarr ar na naoimh idirghuí a dhéanamh ar do shon.*

*Caith tamall ag léirsmaoineamh.*

*Glac Comaoineach Naofa mar lón anama agus neart intinne.*

*Gabh buíochas le Dia gach oíche.*

*A Dhia na glóire, déan aon ó chroí agus ó aigne na Críostaithe uile de réir mar is toil le Críost. Áiméan*

Is féidir Cré na nAspal a rá go rialta freisin. Inniu Lá Domhanda Seantuismitheoirí agus Seanóirí. Guímis ar a son. Go raibh saol suaimhneach, sláintiúil acu saor ó bhuairt agus ó bhrón.

*To guide and strengthen our faith here are seven practices.*

*Ask God for his blessing each morning.*

*Help your neighbour in time of need.*

*Say Grace before meals.*

*Ask the saints to intercede for you.*

*Spend time meditating.*

*Receive Holy Communion as spiritual food.*

*Thank God each night.*

*Lord, déan aon ó chroí agus ó aigne na Críostaithe uile de réir mar is toil le Críost. Áiméan.*

The Apostles creed can be recited regularly. Today is World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. May they have happy, healthy lives free from worry and sorrow.

St. Michael's Villas  
1953 - 2023 - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Celebrating 70 years  
of community.

28<sup>th</sup> July: St. Michael's Villas 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition at Clare Museum at 7pm. Opening by Neil Ryan, Olympic Athlete and St. Michael's native. All welcome.

29<sup>th</sup> July: Unveiling at St. Michael's Villas Grotto, of memorial to all who have died in St. Michael's Villas over the last seventy years at 4.30pm, followed by Mass, recitals by SMV70 Choir, Ennis Brass Band and others.

St. Michael's Villas 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Souvenir Booklet on sale at Exhibition and at the Mass for €5. SMV Fridge Magnets €3 each or two for €5. Limited edition.

# Today's Scripture Readings

## Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
And praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord  
C. **For we have sinned against you.**  
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
C. **And grant us your salvation.**  
P. May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to  
everlasting life.  
C. **Amen.**

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace to people of good will. We praise  
you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify  
you, we give you thanks for your great  
glory, Lord God, heavenly King, God,  
almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father. **Amen.**

## A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Ws 12:13.16-19

There is no God, other than you, who cares  
for everything, to whom you might have to  
prove that you never judged unjustly.  
Your justice has its source in strength,  
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient  
to all.

You show your strength when your  
sovereign power is questioned and you  
expose the insolence of those who  
know it; but, disposing of such strength,  
you are mild in judgement, you govern us  
with great lenience, for you have only to  
will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to  
your people how the virtuous person must  
be kindly to his fellow men, and you have  
given your sons the good hope that after  
sin you will grant repentance.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Response: O Lord, you are good and  
forgiving.*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
Full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
And attend to the sound of my voice. **R**

All the nations shall come to adore you  
And glorify your name, O Lord:  
For you are great and do marvellous  
deeds,  
You who alone are God. **R**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
Slow to anger, O Lord,  
Abounding in love and truth,  
Turn and take pity on me. **R**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Rm 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our  
weakness. For when we cannot choose  
words in order to pray properly, the Spirit  
Himself expresses our plea in a way that  
could never be put into words, and God  
who knows everything in our hearts  
knows perfectly well what he means,  
and that the pleas of the saints  
expressed by the Spirit are according to  
the mind of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,*

*So that we can see what hope his call  
holds for us.*

*Alleluia!*

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds,  
'The kingdom of heaven may be  
compared to a man who sowed good  
seed in his field. While everybody was  
asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all  
among the wheat, and made off. When  
the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the  
darnel appeared as well. The owner's  
servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it  
not good seed that you sowed in your  
field? If so, where does the darnel come  
from?" "Some enemy has done this" he

answered. And the servants said —  
"Do you want us to go and weed it out?"

But he said, "No, because when you weed  
out the darnel you might pull up the wheat  
with it. Let them both grow till the harvest;  
and at harvest time I shall say to the  
reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in  
bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat  
into my barn." '

## The Gospel of the Lord

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things  
visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven, and by the  
Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was  
buried, and rose again on the third day In  
accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father. He will come  
again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son, who with the Father and the  
Son is adored and glorified, who has  
spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church. I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the  
world to come.

**Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock,  
says the Lord.**

**If anyone hears my voice and opens the  
door to me,  
I will enter his house and dine with him,  
and he with me.**